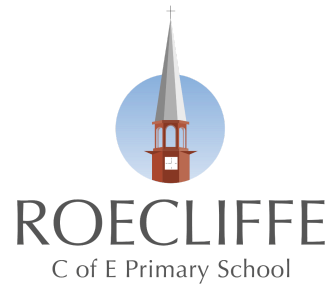


**ANNUAL GOVERNANCE
STATEMENT FOR THE
GOVERNING
Year 2023-24**

July 2024



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**ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR THE LOCAL
ACADEMY COUNCIL OF ROECLIFFE C. OF E. PRIMARY
SCHOOL
JULY 2024**

In accordance with the Government's requirement for all Governing bodies, the three core strategic functions of Roecliffe C of E Primary School Local Academy Council are:

- a) Ensuring clarity of vision , ethos and strategic direction**
- b) Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils**
- c) Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure that the budget set by LDLT is followed**

Governance Arrangements:

The governance of the school was reconstituted in October 2022 and is now made up of:

- 1) Leeds Diocesan Learning Trust Board
- 2) Roecliffe Local Academy Council (Governing Body)

Governors need to have skills in finance, leadership, monitoring, health and safety, in order to contribute to effective governance and the success of the school.

The Local Academy Council has a programme of three clerked meetings throughout the school year and up to 3 more informal meetings. This will increase in 2024-25 to four clerked meetings.

The chair of Governors is Nick Baird

Attendance record of Governors and Membership of the Governing Body:

A record is kept by the clerk to the Local Academy Council and details of attendance are on page 4.

Roecliffe Church of England Primary School is a thriving school and the last 12 months have seen great achievement, individually and collectively. Parents and pupils know of these achievements and we can all feel very proud of our school. Mrs Briggs and her entire team continue to create a wonderfully warm and positive learning environment and, having been in the Leeds Diocesan Learning Trust for nearly two years now, we can reflect that the decision to join was an excellent one. The trust is growing and our school continues to grow within it. We have been able to see the more tangible benefits of being in the trust, not only in terms of advice and support in matters of curriculum and educational provision but also in terms of maintenance and improvement to the school site.

Three key areas have been the focus for successful development this year. Assessment systems have been strengthened across all curriculum areas so that pupil attainment is more accurately collated and then analysed to inform future planning. Curriculum provision has been adopted so that all pupils' needs are met and that their learning is strengthened. Finally, further work has taken place to embed systems for pupils with SEND so that the level of support to their outcomes continues to improve.

On behalf of my fellow governors, I would like to thank the whole staff team for their tireless work throughout the year and the parents for their continued support of the school.

The work we have done on our committees and in the Governing Body meetings:

Monitoring activity – the School Development Plan is in place and is updated and delivered by the staff team. Milestones to ensure accountability are reported and reviewed at our meetings.

Financial Management – budget monitoring takes place regularly as we review the budget set by Leeds Diocesan Learning Trust and ensure that it is followed.

Policy Review – A policy review schedule is in place and policies are reviewed and adopted according to this schedule.

The Local Academy Council's' minutes are available on request from the school office – office@roecliffeschool.co.uk
As well as attending meetings and visiting school, each Governor is assigned a link role and they liaise with teaching staff, attend trust forums for their link area and report back to the full council at each formal LAC meeting.

In addition the following documents are available:

- **School Development Plan 2024 - 25**
- **Self-Evaluation Form**
available on request from the school office – office@roecliffeschool.co.uk

How to contact your Governing body:

Please contact the Chair of Governors, Mr Nick Baird through the school office via email office@roecliffeschool.co.uk

The Local Academy Council membership is as follows:

Name	Represents	Term of office ends
Lesley Briggs	Headteacher	N/A
Nick Baird	Co-opted	22/11/2026
Beth Lonsdale	Staff	01/09/2025
Tom Ibbetson	Parent	26/09/2025
Katie Hardy	Co-opted	
Claudia Densham	Parent	
Vacant	Foundation	

Formal LAC Meetings = 3

Informal LAC Meetings = 3

Please note: All apologies for absence were accepted.

The attendance of Governors for 2023-24 is as follows:	
Name	Full Governing Body
Lesley Briggs	3/3
Stephen Jarvis	3/3
Nick Baird	3/3
Karen Gardiner	1/3
Beth Lonsdale	3/3
Tom Ibbetson	3/3
Claudia Densham	2/3

Information is to the end of August 2024.

The following governors joined/left the FGB in 2023-24 as follows:

Left

Rachel Mackay (Sept 23)
Karen Gardiner (March 24)

Joined

Claudia Densham (Sept 23)
Katie Hardy (Sept 24)